IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.

10/531,095

Confirmation No. 5757

Applicant

Henry M. KRAUSE

Filed

April 7, 2005

For

Trap-tagging: a Novel Method for the Identification and Purification of

RNA Protein Complexes

TC/A.U.

1635

Examiner

Dana H. SHIN

Customer No.: 23505 Atty. Dkt. No.: 1889-00900

Date: June 26, 2006

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 1, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated May 1, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 1-22 are subjected to a restriction/election requirement. In reply, Applicants elect without traverse **Group III**, claims 10-17 and 20-22, drawn to an RNA fusion molecule comprising a target RNA sequence and at least two different RNA tags and a kit for detecting an RNA-protein complex comprising said RNA fusion molecule.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Conley Rose, P.C., Houston, Texas, Deposit Account No. 03-2769.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G. Mintz

Reg. No. 38,561 CONLEY ROSE, P.C.

P.O. Box 3267

Houston, Texas 77253-3267

Mentz

Tel: (713) 238-8000 Fax: (713) 238-8008

AGENT FOR APPLICANTS